



REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-17 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that restriction to one of the following is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-9, classified in Class 375, Subclass 146;

Group II: Claims 10-16, classified in Class 375, Subclass 147; or

Group III: Claim 17, classified in Class 370, Subclass 342.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, containing Claims 1-9, for examination on the merits. Accordingly, Claims 10-17 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Accordingly, after entry of this Response, all of the claims currently being examined in the present Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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